# MRS. SPENCER TELLS OF SON'S BRUTAL TREATMENT

Says Father Subjected Boy to Extremely Severe Punishment-Insanity in Family.

TWO ATTEMPTS AT SUICIDE

Other Witnesses at Springfield Murder Trial Tell of Defendant's Queer Actions-Failed in Most of Studies.

Springfield, Mass., Nov. 16.-Bertram G. pencer, now on trial for his life accused of the murder of Miss Martha B. Blackwas brutally treated by his own father from his early childhood, according to the testimony of Mrs. W. L. L. Spencer. she took the witness stand to-day on behalf of her son. Without hesitation and with no display of emotion the mother told in great detail of numerous ccasions on which her husband had punhed young Bertram with extreme sever-That a certain amount of punishment was deserved by the boy on each of these ions was admitted by the witness or ass-examination, as well as the fact that her husband is now a Sunday school superment accorded by his father made Berm very nervous, Mrs. Spencer said, and ever since from a particularly severe beat ing over the head with the butt of a heavy p in the hands of his father the boy had complained of pains in the head, Other forms of punishment which Spen

cer's mother testified had a bad effect on his nerves were the tying of the lad on a would be cut off, and binding him to a tree in the woods and saying that the shots at his assailant, but the shots did would eat him. Spencer said that Bertram tried to

ds in his throat, while his eyes looked like those of a wild animal. Much family history was related by Mrs. Spencer in ifying that many of her own relatives and those of her husband had been insane.

#### Tell of Attacks by Spencer.

After Mrs. Spencer left the stand nearly dozen witnesses were examined. Practious places in Connecticut or at the threats of injury to other persons and bout. in most of his studies.

went at his father with a shovel. which witness got away from him. Spencer

Gager, of Norwich, Conn., testified to a was prevented from pulling the trigger

am K. Spencer, of Middletown, Conn., corroborated Mrs. Spencer's testimony that Spencer's grandfather died in an insane asylum and that various other of his relatives had been insane. Similar testimony was given by Samuel N. Hyde, of Franklin,

One physician was called to-day, Dr. Edfamily physician nor an expert in mental dren's Homocopathic Hospital. diseases. He testified to treating the young | The tumor was about the size of a walman for landanum poisoning, and on cross- nut, bluish red in color and seemed to comboy was suffering from any nervous dis- intense hemorrhage which follows the cut. election law which went into effect on Noease. He explained on the stand that in referring to hervous diseases he had no modified solidified carbon dioxide to the

terday, was thoroughly self-controlled.

#### Mrs. Spencer's Testimony.

Spencer's mother was the first witness for the defence. She testified that Bertram was born at Lebanon, Conn., June 9, 1881. When Bertram was less than a year old, the witness said, his father punished him with a silver knife at the table one day, some small breach of discipline at church. During the punishment the child fell from his father's hands and struck his head against the stove, causing a bad injury at the base of the skull

Bertram seemed unable to memorize a short prayer, and his father, believing the woodshed, tied his hands, laid him across Slicker, twenty-one years old, a member of have the rising vote that Mr. Raldiris detoing to cut his head off.

At another time, Mrs. Spencer said, her husband took Bertram, then thirteen years eld, into Mark's Woods, Lebanon, for some breach of discipline, tied him to a tree and drove away, telling the boy that the welves would cut him. An hour later the father unbound the child and brought him back home. At another time, when head. Ever since that time, Mrs. Spencer said, her son had frequently complained of

teen years old she took him to Charlestown, where he enlisted in the navy, but a few weeks later he returned home. A terious "Jack the Hugger," but later conburnting gun caused bad injuries to his fessed. "I don't know why I did all this," head when he was sixteen, his mother said. he said, "but when a good looking young

#### "Aimed Revolver at Father."

In the same year Bertram left home he returned one ovening for his clothes, and his mother persuaded him to remain for the night. When the father came home father, but the weapon was rusty and could reception at his hotel. not be discharged. The boy then ran down stairs and out of the house, his father pursuing him and firing five revolver shots at him as he disappeared in the darkness. let be lived at the home of Calvin Briggs, in Norwich, Conn. In Norwich,

BANKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES LEAVING THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD STATION FOR THE NEW ORLEANS CONVENTION.



attacked by a highwayman and left lying opping block and telling him his head by the roadside. On another occasion, when he was held up, Bertram fired two not take effect.

An attempt of the defendant to comm commit suicide by drowning and at an- suicide by taking laudanum when he was other time by taking poison. Often, she nineteen years old was described by the said, her son had attacks of frenzy, froth- witness, who said that her son told her ing at the mouth and making strange afterward that he was tired of life and that he had had a love affair.

#### Narrow Escape from Death

Mrs. Spencer identified a letter writter by C. H. Tilley, of Providence, to her on December 30, 1898. The District Attorney objected to the admission of the letter, but the court ruled it competent inasmuch as of them told of outbursts of rage the writer is dead and the letter, the court er's part when he was at home, said, should be regarded as the statement of a deceased person. In the letter Mr. Mount Hermon School for boys. One of Tilley said that Bertram, who was at that these witnesses described Spencer's look as time living with the writer, had been badly and indifferent," and others told of cut in the wrist during a friendly boxing An artery had been severed and he ectual attacks on them by Spencer when had had a narrow escape from death. The Miss Mary J. Miller, sec- letter urged Mr. Spencer to take Bertram etary of the Mount Hermon School, read back home and forgive him, and it was eport eards showing that Spencer failed stated that Bertram was in poor health. Soon afterward Bertram enlisted in the

An incident to which Mrs. Spencer had navy, but served only eight months. her testimony was described by witness then related several incidents to n F. Carpenter, a Lebanon, Conn., show that her son was subject to fits of frenzy, when he would froth at the mouth. were digging a trench Spencer's father told make a peculiar guttural noise and when work faster. Spencer became his eyes looked like "the eyes of a wild animal." as she described them.

From 1899 to 1902, Bertram was in Calithen ran into the house. The witness said fornia, and his mother was unable to teshad a vacant stare and ap- tify regarding his condition at that time. peared to hear voices when no one was He came to Springfield in 1902, Mrs. Spencer declared, and secured employment as conductor on a trolley car

Mrs. Spencer said that she had tried which Bertram Spencer was in- twice to end her life by poison, once in ator Newcomb, was passed unanimously; colved at a dance at Norwich several years 1894 and again in 1895. She then gave a

## Operation Made Possible by Freezing the Growth.

Philadelphia. Nov. 16.-Dr. Ralph Bernwin L. Danielson, of Lebanon, Conn., but stein dermatologist of Hahnemann College. committee on resolutions, to be reported he was not permitted to testify as to Spen- to-day gave a demonstration of his method cer's mental condition, on the ground that of treating a birth blood tumor over the when he knew Spencer he was neither the eye of an infant of six months, at the Chil- Newcomb resolution, as it was in the case me several times, and the Pennsylvania away from home for the tenth time. He dustries, and Dr. Alejandro Rivas Vasquez,

examination told of having signed a cer- municate with the internal blood vessels of tificate in connection with Spencer's en- the brain. These conditions are considered appointment of a committee of seven "to trance to the Mount Hermon School, in impossible to treat from the standpoint of consider and report such amendments as which he wrote the word "No" in response a surgeon's knife owing to the close rela- in its judgment it deems necessary to to the printed question as to whether the tions with the large blood vessels and the clarify and make workable the primary

growth for several minutes, causing an in- mittee of seven to consider and present to Throughout the day's proceedings the de- tense freezing of various parts of the the committee amendments to the Levy fendant, in contrast to his violence of yes- tumor and producing what the surgeons election law. call thrombosis of the various blood vessels, which, in other words, means the when former Assemblyman E. J. Raldiris, of freezing of the blood, thus cutting off the Bronx, offered a resolution for the apsupply to the tumor, and in this way caus- pointment of a committee of five to investiing its gradual absorption, leaving in its gate the reason why "an intelligent efplace a smooth, scarless area with a nor- fort" had not been made to bring about mal skin covering.

The temperature of the freezing sub- justice in The Bronx. stance which Dr. Bernstein used was about 129 degrees below zero. The operation, Dr. Republican and Independence League orand from that time the child began to Bernstein explained, is painless and will ganizations, which ran separate candidates, manifest signs of nervousness. One time immediately relieve an infant of an unsightwhen the child was between three and ly tumor which would gradually extend cess of the vote of the Tammany can'il-

# JACK THE HUGGER" INSANE

### Was Caught.

Paterson, N. J., Nov. 16 (Special).-Albert the chopping block, and told him he was a prominent family in Passaic and assistant superintendent in a large woolen mill, has a just nature, according to medical testimony offered in the Quarter Sessions Court to-day, when he was arraigned on charges of attacking more than a score of tions in the future, as announced last night, young women at various times. Judge is as follows: Gherardi Davis, of the 27th Scott adjudged Slicker Insane. He will be District; Senator Newcomb, of the 23d; 1stscott adjudged Shoker insane. He will be dor Wasservogel, of the 22d; Douglas

the boy was nine years old, Mr. Spencer and the assailant became known as "Jack whipped him for stealing a knife, breaking the Hugger." His custom was to hide bethe butt of a heavy whip over the boy's hind trees or telegraph poles, hug young the 31st. women who appeared when the coast was clear and then make his escape. He was identified a few nights ago after attacking Chilvers, of the 29th District, commending She said that when Bertram was four- Miss Rose Silverstein, daughter of Jacob

Silverstein, a produce merchant. Slicker at first denied he was the myswoman came along a strange feeling came over me, and I just couldn't resist hugging her.

#### WILSON AT CHILDHOOD HOME. and learned that Bertram was in the house Staunton, Va., Nov. 16.—Governor Woodtook a lantern, rushed upstairs-to the row Wilson, of New Jersey, spent to-day boy's room and jumped on Bertram as he here viewing the scenes of his childhood

# TYPHOID IN ORANGE COUNTY.

[fly Telegraph to The Tribune.] Newburg, N. Y., Nov. 16.-Typhold fever is more or less prevalent in Orange County. be tried to kill himself by jumping from There are fifteen cases at Goshen. All of Presion Bridge and once was found on the these are among persons who attended a threet in a daxed condition. Later Ber- firemen's banquet there. The latest victim interpreter in the Court of General Ses- est nine months old. fram went to Portland, Me., New Haven is W. H. Brewster, county Superintendent of Poor. There are about one hundred Bertram and carried a revolver, Mrs. cases elsewhere in the county. Physicians Spencer testified, ever since he had been are seeking the origin of the disease.

# PRAISE FOR KOENIG'S WORK CONFER WITH REA AGAIN MORE BANKERS LEAVE TOWN

olution at Monthly Meeting.

#### ELECTION ECHOES ABOUND

#### and Levy Laws-Speakership Question Discussed.

Echoes of the election were heard at the monthly meeting of the Republican County Committee last night. Senator Josiah T. Newcomb made a speech, in which he said the results had been somewhat mixed, but that to those experienced in political affairs they foreshadowed the diminution of the power of Tammany Hall. He spoke of the election of fifteen Republican Assemblymen and twenty fusion aldermen in this

"It was probably a matter of great regret," he said, "that it was not possible for us to conduct a campaign entirely with Republican candidates. But, putting aside this desire with great patriotism, we went of great benefit to this community. The great result that stands out is the election of a Republican majority in the Assembly, which destroys the power of Tammany Hall in the Legislature, the greatest menace that the state has known in many years.

The following resolution, offered by Sen-

Under the new rules passed at the last meeting of the committee all resolutions Willcox report. offered must be read and then go to the

#### of two other resolutions. Action on New Primary Law.

The first of the latter provided for the

The other resolution provided for a com-

The rules were not suspended, however, fusion on the candidate for municipal court

The resolution went on to state that the four years old his father whipped him for over the eye and lower portion of the face. didate, who won. It was provided that not one of the executive members in 'The Bronx

on the committee When Mr. Raldiris asked that Rule 8 be suspended so as to bring his resolution up consideration Collin H. Woodward last, he declared. At the age of five years, the witness said. Attacked Score of Girls Before He moved that the resolution be laid on the said he did not consider it necessary to

#### Appoints Resolutions Committee.

The committee on resolutions, which is to have the first consideration of all resolu For months the police of Passalc were Mathewson, of the 5th; Ezra P. Prentice, mystified by the attacks on young women. of the 25th; Julius D. Tobias, of the 34th;

At the meeting of the executive committee the way in which President Koenig had planned and managed the campaign and renewing expressions of confidence in him, was passed unanimously.

Mr. Koenig made a long verbal report on the campaign and its results. He spoke at some length on the Speakership of the Assembly, saying it was a most important place and that it would be much better for Two Women Suffering from Disease the New York County Assemblymen to withhold any pledge to any candidate until it was decided who would be the best man for the Speakership. To this view there was no dissenting

opinion. Assemblyman Merritt, through his a Yale man, got a letter yesterday from ex-Assemblyman Roberst S. Conklin, another Yale man, saying that Merritt ought to be supported for the Speakership because he was a graduate of Yale.

York County yesterday. Mr. Rosenthal studied at night sessions of the law school of Fordham University. He will not quit his present job right away.

County Committee Adopts Res- Mayor Not at Subway Meeting in Metropolitan Club.

#### OTHER OFFICIALS THERE

#### Action Taken on New Primary Trying to Get Interborough and City to Yield Few Points Each and Get Together.

There was another conference between Samuel Rea, vice-president of the Pennsylyesterday in regard to making some provision for additional transit facilities by the Pennsylvania Station. It was

Mayor Gaynor was not present because Mayor went to luncheon with Surrogate Fowler and the two walked down Nassau into a fusion movement which has been street to Broad, down Broad to Beaver and over to William street, where they had luncheon. The Mayor paused a moment to watch the curb brokers in Broad street, and soon a wild rumor spread that Mayor confer with Mr. Rea and settle the subway The Mayor declared on his return that his

the lines laid down for it by the McAneny-

success yet. President Shonts said yester- ished Sammy briskly. out at the next meeting. But Rule 8 was day: "Most of what I know is from the The lieutenant knew Sammy of old, and suspended by a two-thirds vote on the newspapers. Mr. Rea has been in to see seems to feel that it has not good enough telephoned Sammy's father, and then intransit facilities."

Mr. Shonts was asked: "Is it your posttion that you will not make another prop- Sammy. "That's Izzy Goldberg. He lives osition to the city, but that you are willing just a little way from me." to consider any proposition that may be

He replied: "You have hit it right." Commission said yesterday that his posi- their only five cents for chewing gum, and tion had not changed. He believed it was thus fortified, walked across the Williamsto be regretted that the Interborough would burg Bridge. They stood about the Canal that the solution made of the problem after they finally struck a man who took them showed the child had a fractured skull. terested in numerous enterprises here. not come in under the original plan, and street station of the Third Avenue L until its failure to come in was not all that uptown. could be desired.

situation as practically settled, and the time swapping experiences until Sammy's commission went ahead on that supposi- father arrived.

Commissioner Willcox said there had been OPPOSED TO CIVIC FEDERATION no differences of opinion between the commission and the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company over the drafting of a contract Gompers and Other Leaders Will Be for operation.

Commissioner Cram said earlier in the day that he understood the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company had drafted such a contract as would make it impossible for any one except itself to bid for the operation, He would oppose such a contract to the cated at the convention of the organiza-

Mr. Rea said after the conference that he did not believe the subway problem clared the Woodward motion carried and would be finally solved until the Pennsylvania Station and the West Side had a rapid transit system to all the boroughs,

"Until then the city will not have discharged the important obligation it assumed in granting a franchise for the tunnel railroad and in having the station located on Seventh avenue, instead of on that all federation officers connected with Broadway, where it might just as easily have been erected, but which would have and the associates mentioned are members embarrassed the city by greatly increasing the traffic congestion at Broadway and The Pennsylvania and Long 34th street. Island railroads are transportation systems ecommodating large bodies of the citizens, and not only require, but, as large taxpayin the afternoon a resolution by William ers of the city, have a right to expect that they will not be overlooked in the subway system now proposed, and their position in this regard has the strong support of New York City generally and of those sections of the country with which it has commercial relations.

#### LEPER MOTHER OF SEVEN

#### Discovered in Philadelphia. Philadelphia, Nov. 16.-Two cases of lep-

sy were discovered in this city to-day, The first case, that of Mrs. Becky Schleifman, fifty-eight years old, was diagnosed friends, is conducting a most active canvass by the physicians of the Pennsylvania Hosfrom under his pillow and aimed it at his was screnaded this afternoon and held a for the Speakership here, however. One pital. It is said that she is in the early father, but the weapon was right and renewing boynood acquaintances. He for the Speakership here, however. One pital. It is said that she is in the early stages of the disease. She has been in the country twenty years. The other case, that of Mrs. Becky Foe-

der, thirty-six years old, was reported by INTERPRETER BECOMES LAWYER. case. She is the mother of seven children, Edward J. Rosenthal, for many years an the eldest afteen years old and the young-

#### sylvania Special. All the comforts of home, with the club preferred and 69,945 shares of common

and office added, will be enjoyed by the eighty bankers and their wives from New Company, the first representing a value of York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massa- \$935,203, the second \$699,450. chusetts, who left the Pensylvania Station a special train at 6:34 last night for the bankers' convention at New Orleans. Barbers, stenographers, maids, manicures, debt of \$300. It was further charged that valets, porters and waiters were among the servants provided for the convenience of the passengers.

A tourist agent accompanied them to see to their welfare, and a baggagemaster to \$700,000. His total unconcealed assets were look after their luggage. The train consists of five sleeping cars and a club car. It is provided with reading and retiring rooms and a self-playing piano, on which vania Railroad, and members of the Board almost any popular or classic air may be played.

A similar train left the Pennsylvania's Philadelphia station last night six minutes after the New York train passed through. The two "white sections" of the bankers special trains by way of the New York Central lines will leave the Grand Centra Terminal to-day at 9:30 a. m. There will be two hundred bankers and their friends on these two sections.

#### RUNAWAYS MEET FRIEND Harlem Police Lieutenant Knew One of Them in Brooklyn.

of Colombia, in the Department of San-Lieutenant Mulhauser, busy with the tander, on the Venezuelan frontier. Gaynor had gone down to Wall Street to blotter, did not look up when he heard the door of the East 104th street station house pathizes with Castro because of his exfinally glanced up he could see nobody in treme anti-Americanism. President Gomez open about 8 o'clock last night. When he has three thousand men near the frontier trip had absolutely nothing to do with the the room. But there was some one, for he subways. As a matter of fact, at the very heard shuffling feet. He stood up and to fall on Castro if he invades Venezuela. time he was away Mr. Rea was trying to looked over the desk. Two small boys get in communication with him to get him stood below holding hands and nervously turn from Europe the Venezuelan govern-

Resolved. That the people of the State of New York are to be congratulated on the result of the result of the result of the honorable part performed by the domination of Tammany Hall in the Legislature has been effectively destroyed. For the honorable part performed by the Republican organization of New York are to be congratulated on the result of t Why, er-er-er, well, you see, Mr. Mul- filled his promises of reform and because hauser, I heard you were up here, and- valuable monopolies are being turned over

It is not believed that he has had much and, well, I just came up to see you," fin- to foreigners. soon had his confession that he had run Venezuelan Senate and ex-Minister of In-

quired: "Who's your friend?"

"Oh, didn't I introduce you," apologized in which, however, Castro will have no part. "Well, Izzy, what's your trouble? What'd

you run away for?" asked the Heutenant. Izzy, who is nine years old, put it down to Chairman Willcox of the Public Service a new school teacher. The two had spent

Lieutenant Mulhauser sent the doorman "However," he said, "following the action out for coffee, cake and milk, and Sammy had played about as usual, with no pain of the Board of Estimate, I regarded the and Izzy and the lieutenant had a great whatever. He will recover,

#### Asked to Withdraw from It. Atlanta, Nov. 16.-That President Gom-

pers of the American Federation of Labor is opposed to the federation appropriating \$50,600 for the McNamara defence was indition to-day.

Before the convention is over Mr. Gompers and four other labor leaders who are heads of various crafts may be asked to sever their connection with the National Civic Federation, which, according to a resolution offered to-day by the United Mine Workers, "is largely composed of and financed by employers of labor, many of whom are the most bitter enemies of organized labor." The resolution requests the Civic Federation resign. Mr. Gompers of the executive committee of the federation. It is understood that the Western Federation of Miners and several state

delegations will support the resolution. The resolution recites that the conflict between the employing and working classes is constantly becoming more intense, and that the former is "constantly becoming more brutal in their treatment of the workers, as is evidenced by the desperate attempt to throttle organized labor by use of the injunction, the black list and the more recent method of kidnapping the officers of labor organizations."

#### OLD RESTAURANT IN TROUBLE

#### Firm Conducting Fortwengler's Asks To Be Adjudged Bankrupt.

A petition was filed in the United States District Court yesterday asking that the firm, but not its members individually, conducting the downtown restaurant known for thirty-seven years as Fortwengler's be adjudged bankrupt. It was signed by the three partners, Charles Achille, Marie Fortwengler and Adele Moran. The restaurant was established at No.

the physicians of the Orthopædic Hospital. She came to this country in 1906, and is said to be in an advanced stage of the disease. She is the mother of seven children, the eldest fifteen years old and the youngest nine months old.

Both women were removed to the isolation ward of the Philadelphia Hospital and a quarantine was established at their homes. 3 to 7 William street in 1837 by Victor Fort-

#### IN OLD HORSES' INTEREST State Humane Societies Want

Law to Prevent Their Sale.

here and abroad, with a view to enacting

federal laws to prevent cruelty, and another directing the law committee to draft

an amendment to the state transfer tax

law providing for exemption from taxation

J. Wilkin, Children's Court judge in Brook-

lyn, and John R. Clancy, Syracuse.

oner Declared Bankrupt.

former president of the United Wireless

Telegraph Company, who is now serving a

lanta, had concealed large sums of money

and other valuable property due to the

the creditors filed a petition in bankruptcy

against Wilson yesterday and asked for

The total claims of the trustees-Selden

-were \$1,685,710, said to be moneys received

Bacon, John H. Hill and Philip G. Clifford

by Wilson from the sale of 78,969 shares of

transferring on July 18 to R. H. Robins a

he has transferred to various persons large

amounts of stock of the Wilson Mining

Company of Colorado, and that he has con-

cealed money and property exceeding

VENEZUELA UNREST SERIOUS

Colombia's Refusal to Arrest

Castro May Make Trouble.

Willemstad, Curacao, Nov. 16.-Authorita-

tive advices from Caracas show that a seri-

us state of unrest prevails in Venezuela

Colombia because that republic declines to

to the Venezuelan authorities. Castro is

said to be on his estate at Cucuta, a town

It is believed that General Hernandez,

General Aristides Telieria, President of the

ex-Speaker of the House of Representatives,

have joined in a revolutionary movement

IBy Telegraph to The Tribune.

Passaic, N. J., Nov. 16.-Wynand Klaasen

nine years old, of No. 142 Burgess Place,

His parents recalled that he had a hard

fall while playing a week ago: The boy

Venezuela believes that Colombia

estimated at not more than \$25,000.

plication would be renewed.

the appointment of a receiver.

C. Preston, Brooklyn.

for legacies left to anti-cruelty societies.

G. A. Kessler Tells About J. W. Auburn, N. Y., Nov. 16.-The New York State Humane Societies' convention to-day Mackay and the Countess. adopted a resolution appointing a committee to obtain the enactment of the "old horse traffic bill" to prevent the sale of SHE LEFT \$100,000 ESTATE wornout horses; a resolution to ask President Taft and Congress to name a commission to investigate slaughter house

RECALLS MME. STAVRA

#### R. V. Dey Sues Brother and Administrator for Money Lent Her in Paris.

The testimony of George A. Kessler, wine The convention closed with an election agent, in the suit brought by Richard V of officers, as follows: President, Robert Dey against Francis C. Tilley, administraof the estate of Tilley's sister, the lyn; secretary, H. Clay Preston, Brook-Countess Stavra, was returned to this city lyn; treasurer, W. S. Peck, Syracuse; new yesterday and filed in the County Clerk's nembers of the executive committee, F. office. It was taken before the American L. Dutcher, Rochester, and C. B. Phelps, Consul General in London. The testimony Binghamton; new vice-presidents, Mrs. showed that the name of the late John W. James Speyer, New York, and M. R. Ellis, Mackay, father of Clarence H. Mackay, Elmira; auditors, C. W. Nichols, Brookwas brought into the case as an alleged penefactor of Countess Stavra, who be-The New York State Humane Educafore her marriage to a Greek count was tional Association elected as president W. the wife of Charles Hilton, of New York, O. Stillman, Albany; vice-president, Peter and prior to her first marriage was a resident of Olympia, Wash.

G. Gerry, New York; treasurer, Robert G. Wilkin, Brooklyn, and secretary, Mrs. H. The countess flied in Paris in February, 1910. Dey, the plaintiff in the suit against the estate of Countess Stavra, is a well known lawyer of San Francisco, who was SAY WILSON HID \$700,000 the guardian of Miss Virginia Fair, now Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, jr., while she Creditors of Wireless Want Priswas a minor. Dey sued to recover £14,658 which he said he lent to the countess set eral years before her death. Charging that Christopher C. Wilson,

Although it is known that a few months before her death Countess Stavra spent a large part of her fortune, she is said to sentence in the federal penitentiary at Athave left an estate valued at about \$100,000. The defence of the administrator will be, it is said, that the claim has been outcreditors of the company, the trustees for lawed by statutes of limitation, and that if Dey advanced any money to Countess Stavra he did so as the confidential representative of John W. Macley, while all the parties were in Paris prior to the death of

#### Intended to Sue Mackay Estate.

Another phase of the case is a claim of stock of the United Wireless Telegraph the countess against Clarence H. Mackay. as executor of the will of his father, on which Countess Stavra contemplated suit. It was alleged that Wilson was insolvent This will be used in the defence. and had committed acts of bankruptey by

The order for the examination of Kessler was obtained by Dey. The wine agent was examined at the Ritz-Carlton, London. He said he had known Countess Stavra twenty years and the plaintiff, Dey, fifteen years. When the witness last met the counte Paris, she told him she owed Dey £15,000 for money she borrowed from him.

Countess Stavra told Kessler that Der had advanced the money when she needed Judge Hough denied the application for the appointment of a receiver, saying that it, that she meant to repay it, and that she Wilson should have notice of the proceedhad provided for the San Francisco lawyer ings against him. It was said that the apin her will. In answer to questions by the defence

Kessler said that, so far as he knew, Countess Stavra was married when he knew her, but that she was living alone Kessler answered negatively the question whether he and Dey had been members to gether in any pool or combination for acquiring stock. To another question the wine agent replied: "It was generally understood that Mr. Dey was connected with John W. Mackay in the Postal Telegraph The Venezuelan government is enraged at Company. I do not know whether Mr. Dey was the confidential secretary of John W. arrest ex-President Castro and deliver him Mackay.'

#### Mr. Dey Never Go-Between.

Referring to Countess Stavra, Kessler said: "I never saw her in the company of John W. Mackay anywhere in the United States. So far as I know, Mr. Dey never acted as a go-between for Mr. Mackay and Mabel Florence Stavra." After the death of his sister, Tilley

brought her personal effects from London to this country. These included some jewelry, which the customs authorities held up for the payment of duty. However, Tilley was able to prove that the jewels were not dutiable, and they w Countess Stavra at one time declared she was the wife of Max de Bathe, whose brother married Lily Langtry. She married him, she said, in 1902, when he brought to her the news of her husband's death in the Boer war. Bathe married the divorced wife of Sir John Miller in 1907.

#### MERCHANTS HONOR ODELL.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Newburg. N. Y., Nov. 16.-Ex-Governor Benjamin B. Odell has been honored by being elected president of the Chamber of Commerce of this city. Recently a delega-PLAYS WEEK WITH BROKEN SKULL tion of citizens of Newburg called on the ex-Governor at his home and requested him to accept the presidency of the organization. Much pleasure was expressed was admitted to the General Hospital to- here when he announced that he would day, upon request of his parents, who de- accept, and his election last night was sired that the cause of a smell lump on marked by much enthusiasm. Newburg is his head be ascertained. An examination the ex-Governor's native city and he is in-

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## Sherlock Holmes Might Have Solved the Mystery

but he could hardly have done any better than Chester Kent in uncovering the diabolical scheme of Stephen Over-ton to rid himself of his enemies. The plot hinged upon a message by telephone, and that is why the story is called:



The Message

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